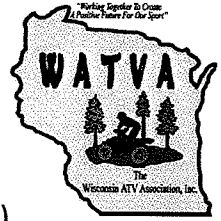


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Testimony provided by Randy Harden of the Wisconsin ATV Association (WATVA)



Chair – Representative Petrowski

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Bernard Schaber, Jorgensen, Bewley, Doyle*

AB 327 - Relating to age restrictions and safety certificate requirements regarding the operation of an ATV

Requesting your support for AB 327 (SB 235)

A change for under youth under age 12 on private property

A change for youth age 12 through 15 on public road routes

A change for those born on or after 1/1/1988 under certain conditions

- Parallels the language in the Youth Hunting Mentorship program by creating parent or parent approved adult oversight (grandparents, uncle/aunt, etc.) for youth under age 12 on certain private property. This bill allows the grandparents to legally accompany an under age 12 youth on a small ATV (90cc or less) under their **ACCOMPANIMENT** on private property other than the parent's. This bill ***strengthens*** the oversight requirement by ***requiring*** the parent approved adult to accompany the youth at all times when the ATV riding is not on the parent's own property.
- Strengthens the oversight requirement for youth, ages 12 through 15, while riding on road routes by requiring the parent or a parent approved adult to accompany the age 12 – 15 youth on a legal ATV road route. Currently this age youth can legally ride by themselves on road routes, after passing the Wisconsin DNR ATV safety course.
- * Allows an opportunity to try out the activity or machine (or both) without the DNR safety certificate as long as the activity is supervised (accompanied by applies) with safety gear mandated at slower speeds in a controlled environment. Currently anyone born on or after 1/1/1988 (which affects 12 through 23 year olds this year) cannot test ride an ATV without first passing the 6 hour minimum ATV DNR course.

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